

## 2014 Challis Creek Allotment USFWS Monitoring Report

### 2014 Annual Monitoring Report Form for Actions covered under the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for the Challis Creek Grazing Allotment, managed by the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Please submit annually by **March 1** to the Supervisor of the Service's Eastern Idaho Field Office:

**4425 Burley Dr., Suite A, Chubbuck, Idaho 83202**  
**Telephone: (208)237-6975.**

Please include name and contact information in case additional information is needed.

1. What was the name of that stream in this allotment surveyed for impacted redds?  
**See table below.**
2. What was the date of the survey, and what were the water conditions?  
**See table below.**
3. Which stream segment was surveyed and how many redds and impacted redds were found? (Please give GPS start and stop points for segments)? **See table below.**
4. What was the date that livestock were removed from the pasture with surveyed stream segment?  
**Livestock were removed from the Mosquito Flat Pasture on September 1, 2014**
5. Did this number exceed the scale anticipated in section VII of the Biological Opinion? **No**
6. Were there any changes to the grazing management that differed from the proposed grazing management in the Forest's Biological Assessment? If yes, what were they? **During the summer of 2013, the Lodgepole Fire burned through a significant portion of the allotment which affected all four of the allotment's pastures. The fire burned with moderate to high intensity throughout most of Jeff's Flat North pasture, Jeff's Flat South pasture, the northern half of Mosquito Flat pasture, and areas along the northern boundary of Slab Barn pasture. Grazing AUMs were reduced by decreasing livestock numbers from 175 cow/calf pairs to 110 and the reducing the scheduled off-date by two weeks from September 14<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Another permittee was in non-use for this allotment in 2014.**
7. Were there any unexpected circumstances or events that resulted in impacts beyond those anticipated in the Forest's in the Biological Assessment or the Service's Biological Opinion? If yes, please describe. **No. The permittees were instructed to maintain and repair several fence lines which protected fish habitat that lies in the adjacent Mill Creek Allotment. The permittees were successful in keeping livestock out of the riparian area along Mill Creek throughout the duration of the grazing season.**

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Date: **January 22, 2015**

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**Table 1. Bull Trout redd survey summary.**

Stream	Date	Water Conditions	Downstream UTM (NAD83)	Upstream UTM (NAD83)	Redds Observed	Impacted Redds
Challis Creek	09/18/2014	low, clear	Zone 11, 701611 E, 4930945 N	Zone 11, 700711 E, 4931034 N	5	0